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Sir:

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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1. French patent publication no. 1 268 350.
2. Belgium patent publication no. 660896.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English documents, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.


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